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- ☒ 51 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to HITACHI, LTD. ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ is enclosed ☐ will follow.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.
- ☒ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-048483 filed February 26, 2003 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.
- ☒ IDS enclosed (☒ with 3 reference(s)).
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.
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B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	10	-3	7	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84	588	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							1164
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- ☒ 15 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ certified copy of Japanese patent application No. 2003-048483 which was filed February 26, 2003 from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119
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